WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

The Weekly Collection About the National Capital.

THE SENATOR FROM NEW YORK. The election of a Senator from New York to has devoted too much of his life to other pur- A., as Judge Advocate of the Court. suits. He is not even a good advocate, for he candidacy for the Presidential nomination case the motion was sustained. had in his own State. It would be a fitting and graceful retirement from his present position, and soive for him that most solemn of

I have given my fullest attention it is to reform | ship in the machine. predilections were Republican. The State can Minister. officials who came into office with me called upon me shortly after my accession and asked what were my views in relation to removals from public service for political reasons. One gentleman, whose department is, perhaps, the most important at the Capital, said: 'My office is full of extreme Republicans appointed by Gov. Cornell. Now, what am I to do.' 'I replied, said Gov. Cleveland, 'you are responsi-ble to the people for the good administration of your office. Your confidential subordinates should be selected with great care, and those you doubtless will appoint from your personal friends. There can be no objection to your making inquiry respecting the qualifications, zeal and ability of your official force. If a clerk is faithful and competent, he should be retained, no matter what his political predilections may be. During my term I have disin office. Ability and zeal in the service will

REASSURING THE CLERKS.

THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT. There is now little doubt that the Washington Monument will be completed in time for its dedication on the 22d of February next, as it is estimated that 25 working days is all the time necessary for its completion. This week it reached the hight of 520 feet and 10 inches-5 feet and 10 inches higher than the spire of the famous Cathedral at Cologne. The question of how the cap-stone is to be placed in position has been a matter of much conjecture, but in reality the work will be done in a very simple manner. When only nine more stones | received at the hands of Gov. Cleveland. are required to reach the summit a small platform will be built around the roof, which will be supported by timbers resting on the large the apex commences. The stones required to occupancy. complete the work will then be hoisted up by the machinery now employed for that purpose and placed on the pla form, after which the hoisting apparatus will be removed and a quadruped put up in its place, which, with block and tackle, will host the stone into position. When the last stone is laid the platform will be removed, the workmen descending to the large platform by a ladder. The timbers of this platform will be taken in through the windows, the last man entering by a window on the east side. The iron supports will be then drawn in; the holes they went through will be plugged with marble blocks, and the monument will be finished.

minor appointments."

work fixing up a list of Constitutional advisers | door. for the new President. Of course these are as various as the shades of political bias of the Cabinet-makers and their degrees of knowledge of what they are talking about. The "variable quantity" in all these calculations is the extent to which Mr. Cleveland may deem it prudent to go on recognizing the Solid South, which gave him 153 of the 219 votes which he received, and in recognizing the Independent Republicans, without whom he could not have carried New York. The following, which was constructed by the Louisville Courier-Journal, is a fair type of the straight-out Democratic ideas, which give no place to the Independents: Secretary of State-Thurman, of Ohio.

Secretary of Treasury-Dorsheimer, of N. Y. Secretary of War-McClellan, of N. J. Secretary of Ngry-Raudall, of Pa. Secretary of Interior-Jonas, of La. Postmaster-General - Hunton, of Va. Altorney-General-McDonald, of Ind.

If an Independent Republican is put in the Cabinet opinion inclines to its being Carl Schurz, in his old place as Secretary of the Interior.

THE MISTRESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE, The match-makers who have found so much | Chicago, Ill. occupation for themselves and the newspapers in providing a wife for Pres. Arthur, who would queen it during the rest of his term as the first lady in the land, have now taken up Pres .elect Cleveland with equal currestness. The number of ladies who have lately been "mentioned in connection" with the White House would furnish a directory for an ordinary town. It is asserted, however, by those who know the gentleman best, that none of these predictions are likely to be verified, especially as there will be no stress for him to go outside of his own family to find a lady who can do the social honors of the Executive Mansion. Mr. Cleveland has three sisters, one of whom is unmarried and now at the head of the Gubernstorial household at Albany. Another is the wife of a missionary in Ceylon. Her two daughters are siastic lover. now in this country, and reside with their uncle, with whom they are great favorites. As ! they are young ladies, their presence in the ring-worm, tetter, salt rheum, frosted feet, White House will be quite useful in a social | chilblains.

way. The third sister is the wife of a Mr. Hoyt, of Fayetteville, N. Y. All these ladies are said to be women of marked ability in every way, and each one capable of presiding GEN. SWAIM'S TRIAL.

The court-martial of Brig.-Gen. David G. Swaim, Judge Advocate-General of the Army, for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," began Saturday last. The trial, it will be remembered, was ordered by the President to take place early in September, but on request of the accused it was postposed until succeed Mr. Lapham, whose term expires next after the election. Hon Samuel Shellabarger, March, is a subject of much earnest discussion | Hon. Jere Wilson, of this city, and Hon. Chas. here. The Republicans have a majority of H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, appeared for Gen. seven in the Upper and of 19 in the Lower Swaim, and made a motion for a new trial on Chamber of the New York Legislature, and the ground that the Court was illegally constiwill therefore, if there is no cadition, return | tuted. This motion was argued by Judge whom they please. It is pretty well settled Shellabarger, who contended that the Court that they will not return Mr. Lapham. Indeed, should have been ordered by Gen. Sheridan he is not spoken of. He has not given satisfac- and not by the President. Maj. Gardner, tion, to say the least, to any faction or party. Judge Advocate of the Court, argued against The most talk revolves around Pres. Arthur | the metion, which was overruled, and the trial and ex-Senator Coukling. The employment of ordered to proceed, but on Gen. Swaim reprethe latter by the Democrats to aid in their senting that none of his counsel were in atelection contest has given rise to the assertion | tendance the Court adjourned until Monday, that a coalition between the Stalwarts and the | when little was done except organizing the Court Democrats to elect him Senator had been and getting the case in shape for trial. This formed. Those who know Roscoe Conkling | trial has occasioned probably as much or more best are quite positive that he will never con- interest than any court-martial that has assent to re-enter public life. The reason is sim- sembled since the war, both on account of the ple: he is now making what he always needed, | rank of the accused and that of the constituents | and of late years has wanted cruelly-money. of the court, which was composed as follows: Whatever Roscoe Coukling's faults have been, Maj.-Gen. John M. Schofield, President; Brig.dishonesty has never been one of them. His Gen. Alfred H. Terry, Brig. Gen. Nelson A. worst enemies never found any soil on his offi- | Miles, Brig.-Gen. William B. Rochester, Paycial integrity. He had that intense pride, if master-General; Brig.-Gen. Samuel B. Holanothing else, which prevented him from mak- | bird, Quartermaster-General; Brig.-Gen. Robing money out of his official position. But ert Murray, Surgeon-General: Brig.-Gen. John when he stept down and out of public life he | Newton, Chief of Engineers; Col. Charles H. realized the need of money to put him socially | Smith, 19th Inf.; Col. George L. Andrews, 25th abreast of the men who were his equals or in- Inf.; Col. John R. Brooke, 3d Inf.; Col. Luther feriors. He is now making this as rapidly, at | P. Bradley, 13th Inf.; Col. Romeyn B. Ayres, 2d least, as any lawyer in the country. It is not | Art., and Col. Henry M. Black, 23d Inf., with | because he is a great lawyer, for he is not; he | Maj. Asa Bird Gardner, Judge Advocate, U. S.

Gen. Swaim objected to three members of talks too much, and is so foud of his own fine | the Court, Gens. Rochester, Schofield, and phrases that he will indulge in them to the Terry, his objection being sustained by the detriment of his case. A better trained lawyer | Court as to the first and last named. Gen. only says just what is necessary for his argu- Rochester was objected to on the ground that ment. But in court he is a quick sparrer and he was a witness in the case, and, as such, ina hard-hitter. This, and his national reputa- competent to act as a member of the Court. tion, make him eagerly sought for in every The objection to Gen. Schofield was that the case, and the fees are fat. He teels that now is accused had had reason at times, in the disthe time to reap the golden harvest, and cer- charge of his official duties, to comment setainly he is right in refusing to hang up his | verely on his (Schofield's) official conductsickle to accept an office which he haid down notably in regard to the Fitz-John Porter in disgust a few years ago. Pres, Arthur's case—and that he could not expect impartiality chances for the place, if he desires it, and it is at his hands; but the Court refused to sustain believed he does, are regarded as very good. the motion and Gen. Schofied retained his seat. The people of New York are very well disposed | Gen. Terry was objected to on similar grounds toward him, as was shown by the strength his | to that urged against Gen. Schofield, but in his

A CHANCE FOR AMERICAN INGENUITY. Some bright American has now a chance to win the \$20,000 which has been offered by the ing: "What on earth can I do for the rest of State of Yucatan, Mexico, to the inventor of a from herequin, and although the conditions coupled with the premium are such as to ren-Mercy has been taken on the trembling De- der the invention one requiring the utmost partment clerks, and plentian assurances are | degree of perfection, they are nothing but what given that the mass of them will be allowed to can be overcome by American energy and inremain as undisturbed as they would have been genuity. In the first place, the machine must if Pres. Arthur's term had been extended for | be automatic, and of such a nature that unanother four years. Few of the \$1,200, \$1,400, skilled workmen can operate it with perfect \$1,600 and \$1,800 clerks, it is promised, will be | immunity from danger. Then, it must require molested. "Only the heads of Departments less motive power, with relation to its producwill have to go, the political 'strikers' and the | ing power, and must also increase the producseperserviceable set in each Department who tion or extraction of the fiber within a given are in the habit of 'denouncing' to the heads | time, diminishing the loss, compared with the of Departments as 'disloyal' those whose po- various machines now in use. This offer will litical views did not coincide with their own." remain open for three years. At the expira-It is also asserted that the ladies will surely be | tion of that time the Government of Mexico retained, as Pres.-elect Cleveland has always | will appoint a commission, consisting of three been in favor of giving women such places as | engineers, three planters, and a manufacturer, they could appropriately fill. A conversation | who will make the award. This offer does not is reported, in the course of which Mr. Cleve- in any way interfere with any patents the inland said: "If there is any one matter to which | ventor may wish to take out on his proprietor-

and efficiency in the civil service. When I | The decree setting forth this offer has recame to Albany as Governor I found nearly all | cently been transmitted to the Secretary of the departments full of clerks whose political State by Senor Don Matias Romero, the Mexi-

AN AMBITIOUS CLIMBER. The venturesome youth who carved his name over that of Washington at the Natural Bridge | in no small degree to the success of his party in Virginia, and whose achievement has been there. When, in 1881, he was called to the office immortalized by Wirt, was discounted, as to of Second Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, he hight, last week by a New Yorker named | carried with him to Washington and threw Dougherty, while on a visit to this city. This foolbardy son of the Empire State was not satisfied with the hight to which visitors are al- a brilliant success, and the readiness with lowed to ascend the Washington Monument, which he adapted his splendid legal attainbut, in a moment when the eyes of the workmen were off him, skipped nimbly up the scaffolding and, perched on the extreme top, at an | tion at the time. Although the Pension Office | altitude of 571 feet above the earth, coolly carved his name, and descended as calmly as if | work had ever been prepared formulating the he had come down one flight of stairs. MR. BLAINE.

If any one expected Mr. Blaine to go off into charged no employee from the Executive De- retirement after his magnificent canvass, and partment for political reasons, and many of let the bitterness of defeat cat his heart out, Gov. Cornell's personal following are still in he was vastly mistaken. Mr. Blaine is not the service of the State. If I am elected Presi- that kind of a "White Plumed Knight." He dent,' said Gov. Cleveland, with emphasis, 'the | has leased a house in one of the best parts of clerks in the great Departments at Washing- this city, and will take up his home here next ton who are fit for their positions will remain | week, and immediately resume work on his "Twenty Years in Congress." He is as full of | probity, justice, and fairness are appreciated. be the measures of usefulness. The rules of faith in the Republican party as ever, and posthe Civil Service Commission will govern all litive that it will come into power again in 1888. His house here will be the Mecca for Republicans from all parts of the country. THE EARLY BIRDS.

It is reported that two prominent local Democrats of this city, who evidently did not intend to "get left" in the anticipated scramble for office, if taking time by the forelock could prevent such a dire result, repaired to New York before the official count had commenced and filed their claims for the positions of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills, now held, respectively, by Col. Ramsdell and Fred. Douglas. It is not known what reception they

WHERE HE WILL BOARD. platform which is erected at that point where rooms until the White House is ready for his atoms. At Robesonia, 10 miles from Stouchs-

MISCELLANEOUS.

Some people think they see a remarkable

resemblance in mental and physical character-

stics between President-elect Cleveland and the late Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana. Secretary McCulloch will not call in any more bonds at present. He Killed His Brother.

William Harris accidently shot and killed his brother at Guildford, N. Y., on the 9th inst. William and his brother Alfred were visiting their mother. They concluded to go hauting, although their mother protested against it. William took his gun and went out. His brother Alfred was in another part of the The Cabinet-makers have been very hard at house. Mrs. Harris followed William to the state that the two men of the 39th Ohio who to their durability and especially their capacity

"Do put the gun back, William," she said. I am sure something dreadful will happen if you use it on Sunday." "Pshaw, mother," William replied; "the gun isn't loaded, anyhow."

Just then Alfred appeared. William pointed the gun at chickens about the yard and snapped it. See, mether," said he; "the gun isn't load-

ed." Then, aiming it at his brother, he said: There's a big bird," and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged. The entire load passed through Alfred's head, and he fell dead, It being shown to the satisfaction of a Coroner's jury that William did not think the gun was loaded, he was acquitted of murderous intent in the shooting, and has since become in-

Have You Weak Lungs?

same.

The Sanitary News, of Chicago, has been investigating the Curability of Affections of the Lungs by Inhalation with the most surprising results. Copies of this report can be had by addressing Dr. Robert Hunter, 96 State Street,

Order G.A.R. Memorial Record Book of Col, R. F. Hill, author of G.A.R. Tactics, Kalamazoo.

Gen. Harney Married. Maj.-Gen. W. S. Harney was married on the 12th at the Cathedral in St. Louis to his former housekeeper, Mary L. Cyrs. The groom is 84, and the bride 45. Harney is the oldest General on the retired list, and his marriage is creating a great doal of comment. He is very wealthy. The pair left for New Orleans.

Altogether Too Enthusiastic. [Toronto Mail.] A young girl at Montreal had two ribs broken last week, thanks to tight lacing and an enthu-

"Rough on Itch" cures humors, eruptions,

MAJ. O. P. G. CLARKE,

The New Commissioner of Pensions. The newly appointed Commissioner of Penover the White House with dignity and grace. | sion, Maj. O. P. G. Clarke, is the son of the late Hon. Joseph Clarke, of Madison County, N. Y. He was educated at De Ruyter Institute and Clinton Liberal Institute, New York, and after leaving the last named educational establishment he read law for some time; but finding that he had no taste for its practice, at the age of 21 he located at Newport, R. I., where he became part proprietor in a coach building establishment, devoting, however, a great part of his time to art. In 1853 he went into public life as a member of the Rhode Island Legisla-

ture, where he served with distinction for some At the outbreak of the war he entered the military service in the 2d R. I., gradually ascending the steps of promotion until he reached the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1863 he was honorably discharged from the service on account of wounds received in action, but soon after entered the Veteran Reserve Corps as a Lieutenant, and was subsequently promoted to Captain and brevet Major. Maj. Clarke was a member of the board of organization of the Veteran Reserve Corps, and in the Fall of 1864, when Hancock's Corps was organized, he had charge of that organization at Depot Camp in Washington, until the force outgrew the size of the camp; but the organization was completed on the same basis on which it had been originally projected.

In November, 1866, he was finally mustered out of the service, after nearly five and a half years' service.

In February, 1867, he accepted a clerkship in the Pension Office, and rising through the several grades was in 1876 appointed Chief Clerk. This position he resigned in 1879 and took charge of the Reform School of the District of Columbia; but Congress directly afterwards creating the office of Deputy Commissioner of Pensions expressly for him, he returned to the Pension Bureau in that capacity. His connection, however, with the Reform School was not severed, he still holding a membership on the Board of Trustees of that institution. In November, 1880, the President appointed

him a Commissioner to report upon the construction of a portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad west of the Mississippi River, which duty he performed in an entirely satisfactory manner. In 1881 Congress created the office of First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, and Maj. Clarke received the appointment.

The public and private life of Maj. Clarke is unimpeachable, and his education and experience specially fit him for the responsible position which he has just been called upon to fill. He has remarkable aptitude in the transaction of the particular business of the Pension Office, dispensing with cumbersome formalities which occasion so much vexation and delay, and reaching conclusions with a rapidity and correctness which plainly show him to be the right man in the right place. He is patient and courteous in the extreme with all who have occasion to transact business with him, and there is to-day probably not a man in the United States who has a keener sympathy for "him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans." The soldier element of the country gives him an emphatic indersement, knowing from past experience that equal and exact justice, without fear or favor, can be his only policy of administration.

JUDGE C. B. WALKER,

First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions. Judge Calvin B. Walker, the new First Depnty Commissioner of Pensions, was born at Wilmington, Ohio, and was educated at the Normal School of Clinton County, O., and Earlham College, at Richmond, Ind. He pursued the study of law assiduously for three years, going through the course prescribed by law, and was then, upon examination, admitted to the bar at the age of 24, when he removed to Richmond, Ind., where, until 1881, he practiced his chosen profession with an ability which gained for him signal success. Although never a candidate for office of any description, Judge Walker was engaged actively as a worker in all the political campaigns in his State, and his work on the stump and elsewhere contributed into the duties of his office all the zeal and learning which had made his legal career such ments to the requirements of his new position, was a subject of much comment and admirahad been run so many years, strange to say, no unwritten practice of the office until Judge which has proved of inestimable value. His compilation of the Pension Laws and Digest of Decisions and "A Treatise on the Pratice of the Pension Bureau" are books that have materially aided the office in its practice. The Judge, although a thorough lawyer, is no stickler for official red-tapeism, and his promotion will be looked upon with favor wherever

A Dynamite Earthquake.

The dynamite works of H. W. Stump & Co., three-quarters of a mile from Stouchsburg, Pa., a village of 500 inhabitants, blew up on the afternoon of the 6th, shaking up the country for a distance of from 10 to 20 miles. The works consisted of five frame dwellings, the timbers of which were sent flying in all directions, nothing remaining but the foundations. All the men in the buildings were killed, so the cause of the explosion will never be known. The buildings contained an unusual quantity of dynamite, hence the terrific shock which was heard as far east as Reading, nearly 20 miles away. Windows were broken in many houses in Stouchsburg. People were knocked off their feet and mirrors and pictures were shaken off President-elect Cleveland has written to the | the walls. The church and several houses were | proprietors of the Arlington House to engage unroofed. The victims were literally blown to burg, a number of masons were working at the bottom of Ferguson & Co.'s furnace stack, which they were relining with new fire-brick. The stack was probably 100 feet high, and the work was nearly completed. Ten, some say 15, men were in the stack, some at the bottom and others on the scaffolding above. Just as the shock of the dynamite explosion was felt the stack quivered, there was a rumbling noise, followed immediately by a great deluge of bricks, comthe stack, killing them instantly. The shock was felt within a radius of 30 miles.

The Men Who Were Blown Up at New Madrid. TO THE EDITOR: For the information of were blown up at New Madrid, Mo., were to keep in good tune. named, respectively, Gardener and Witmere; the former, who belonged to Co. D. was instantly killed, and the latter only wounded. Witmere, of Co. F, was afterward killed by a provost guard of the 35th Ind., while we were in camp at Memphis, Tenn., in 1863. He was instantly killed, and was picked up by some men who were in a drugstore and taken back in a cellar under ground. As soon as it became known, Col. E. F. Noves ordered Fred Evelry, ambulance driver, and two or three other men down after the corpse. They soon returned and reported to the Colonel that the parties who had the corpse would not give it up. So Col. Noyes ordered four men from my camp, with our guns and cartridge-boxes, to report to Major Dan Weber, who was in waiting with the ambulance. We got in and were taken down to where the corpse was. Major Weber, with his four men, entered the drugstore and demanded the corpse. They first said that it was not there; then they said he had no right to it. Then our Dan put his hand on his revolver, and you ought to have seen them take us down the back stairs to where the corpse was. We took him to camp and buried him on the point between the 39th and 63d Ohio, under a large oak tree. He was a brave soldier. May peace be to his ashes. I was one of the four that went on that mission. -Henry Guckert, Marietta, O.

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lished by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia. This a charming addition to the many delightful books for boys which have been recently published by this enterprising firm. The book, besides being highly interesting and instructive, contains accounts of most thrilling adventures in the mining region of the far

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THE TRIPLE "E." By S. R. G. Clark, Published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. Price 25 This is No. 6, October, 1884, of the popular

and interesting Young Folks Library, published by Messrs, Lothrop & Co. GERMAN SIMPLIFIED. By Augustin Knoffach,

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The Magazines. English Illustrated Magazine,-MacMillan & Co. intend to issue towards the end of November a double Christmas number of the English Illustrated Magazine. It will contain no less than 72 illustrations, eight of them full-page plates worked separately on plate paper. The frontispiece will be after a study of a child's head by Mr. Burne Jones, and among the contents will be "Gainsborough," by Mr. J. Comyns Carr, with illustrations; "The Squire at Vauxhall," by Mr. Austin Dobson, with illustrations by Hugh Thomson; "Christmas in the Kyber Pass," by Mr. Archibald Forbes; "Clovelly," by Mr. Frederick Pollock, with illustrations; "Our Mission to Abyssinia," by Mr. F. Villiers; "St. Guido," a poem by Mr. Richard Jefferics; an article on "Calvados," illustrated by Mr. W. J. Hennessey: "Naworth Castle," by Canon Creighton, with illustrations by Mr. George Howard; and a short story by

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Gen. Lew Wallace has written for the December Century an article on Fort Donelson. This will be the second paper on the War Series, the first one of which-Gen. Beauregard on Bull Run," in the November number-has attracted wide attention. The extra demand for the November Century made necessary a second edition of nearly 10,000, and the December starts with 150,000. Accompanying Gen. Wallace's article will be a reproduction of an autographic copy of Gen. Grant's famous letter to the Confederate Gen. Buckner at Fort Donelson, stating that "No terms except unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works." A portrait of Grant in profile, from a little-known photograph, is the frontispiece of the number.

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To THE EDITOR: As yet I have not seen an

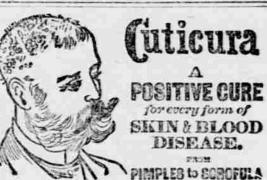
article in your paper relative to the raids we made in 1864 and 1865 through Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia under such gallant leaders as Stoneman, Burbridge, Gillem and Brown. I should like to see in The Tribune articles from some of the boys that constituted that gallant little army of 4,000 men under noble Burbridge, who so gallantly attacked 22,000 men under Breckinridge, Echols and Williams, at Saltville, Va., Oct. 2, 1864. It was there that that brilliant soldier, Lieut. Col. James B. Mason, lost his life. After a sanguinary conflict of two hours, the enemy closing in upon his regiment, he ordered them to charge, and succeeded, after a bloody hand-tohand encounter, in cutting through the enemy's line, punishing them so severely that they abandoned the pursuit. In this charge Col Mason lost his life; Lieut. M. B. Burger, Co. C; Serg't John-ton, Co. M; Serg't Bronnell, Co. L, was mortally wounded, and Capts. Wells and Buck were slightly wounded. In this sanguinary conflict the 11th Mich. Cav. lost in killed, wounded and missing, 86; the 4th was 350, killed, wounded and missing. On the 19th of December, '64, we again struck Saltville, our second raid, and were entirely successful. On this raid the 11th Mich. Cav. lost two more brave officers. Capt. Geo. B. Mason and Lieut. Davis, with five men, fell while trying to reenforce Capt. E. C. Miles, who with a detachment of 120 men was holding a bridge which was the key to the position held by the Union forces. The A. A.-G. of our brigade (Lieut. A. H.Van Vliet), a smooth-faced boy somewhere in his teens, could be seen at all times on the field where the heaviest firing was heard, and it was a wonder to the whole brigade how he ever lived to return to Michigan. Our gallant and kind-hearted General (Simeon B. Brown) is now living at St. Clair, Mich. We all remember him for his clear, cool fighting qualities. Boys, keep the ball rolling! Members of the 15th Pa. Cav., 11th and 12th Ky. Cav., Sth and 13th Tenn. Cav., 37th, 39th and 54th Ky. M't'd Inf., 12th Ohio Cav., 5th and 6th U. S. (colored) Cav., and 11th and 10th Mich. Cav., wake up and boom THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, the soldiers' paper of the United States. Fill its columns with your exploits! Let them see we are still alive !- TIM MILES, Co. C, 11th Mich. Cav., Lansing, Mich.

The 38th Ill.

To THE EDITOR: "Carleton," in account of Stone's River, places the 38th Ill, in Carlin's Brigade of Davis's Division. This is correct. Again he places the same regiment in Sill's Brigade of Sheridan's Division. This is a mistake; but I cannot say what regiment it should be.-J. H. Pettigrew, 1st Serg't, Co. I, 38th Ill., Wabash, Ill.

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